



International Office
Annual Report 2019-20

<u>Sl no</u>	<u>Brochure headings</u>	<u>Information in brief</u>
1	Title and Introduction	<p align="center">INTERNATIONAL OFFICE UTKAL UNIVERSITY VANI VIHAR, BHUBANESWAR-4 www.ioutkal.university Mail-Id : internationaloffice@utkaluniversity.ac.in</p> <p>The glorious intellectual tradition of Utkal University with robust international presence has played an inspirational role to internationalize the campus, the curriculum and the culture with the establishment of its International Office.</p> <p>The Syndicate of Utkal University approved the proposal of establishing an International Office in January 2018 as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebration of the University. As a Centre of Excellence, Rupees 1.5 crores has been allocated under the World Bank-OHEPEE project. Its activities will be augmented with other programmes carried out under World Bank and RUSA 2.0 assistance.</p>
2	Overview/Mission & Vision	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To realise the inherent potential of Utkal University as a Centre of Excellence for International Collaboration which is strongly missing in this part of India. 2. To instill cosmopolitan values into the campus and making the University community realize the role of cultural imagination and national preferences in the quest for knowledge. 3. Exploring the role of cultural diversity and national imagination in the quest for knowledge. 4. Increasing the employability and greater recognition of local scholarship ensuring global visibility of Utkal University.
3	Director, Coordinator , Co-coordinators and Asst. Coordinators	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prof. Sabita Acharya, Vice Chancellor and Director 2. Prof. Asima Ranjan Parhi, Coordinator 3. Dr. Seema Mallik, Co-coordinator 4. Dr. Swapna S. Prabhu, Co-Coordinator 5. Mrs. Lucy Sonali, Asst. Coordinator 6. Mr. Sanjaya Ku. Sarangi, Academic Coordinator 7. Swarnima Shibani Pradhan, Research Assistant
4	Various components and their details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization of lectures, National and International conferences and workshops. • Student exchange programs • International Travel grant for faculty, students . • Consultancy, honorarium, domestic travel, local hospitality for International scholars • Publication of articles, monograms, books • Resource books, journals and periodicals • Photography, digitization, website

		<p>international universities and NGOs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic exchange agreements and MoUs.
5	International scholars visited.	<p>I. Five Research Scholars from Imperial College of London participated in the symposium on Global Innovation Design on 8th & 9th August 2018.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Laurenz Reichl, 2. Sophia Ppali, 3. Alex Kane, 4. Imran Nazerali, 5. Thea Peterson, <p>6. Karlie Knudtsen (Fox-Knudtsen) , Fulbright-Hays scholar from Cornell University, USA, was affiliated with Department of Anthropology, Utkal University for 12 months to conduct research on ‘Aluminum Gods: Mining and Religiosity Along Odisha’s Bauxite Supply Chain’.</p> <p>7. Greta Furlan, , cultural anthropology student from the University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy, visited Utkal in 2019 for conducting research for her Masters thesis on tribal education.</p> <p>8. Ms. Luise Susanne Heb, Institute of Indology and Centre for Asian Studies, Leipzig University, Germany, visited Utkal University from 5th September 2019 to 28th January 2020 for pursuing her internship in the Department of Sanskrit.</p>
6	Activities /Seminars/ workshops/ conferences organised so far	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Workshop on “<i>Internationalization of Higher Education: Why, What and How</i>” on 28th June, 2018 under the guidance of Mr. Francisco Marmolejo, Lead Education Specialist for India, World Bank. 2. Two Day Symposium on the theme GLOBAL INNOVATION DESIGN in Collaboration with the Imperial College, London on 8th & 9th August, 2018. 3. Research Scholar’s workshop in collaboration with the United States International Educational Funding (USIEF) and the Fulbright Outreach Program on September 18th 2018. 4. International Workshop on "<i>Building Intercultural Competency: Perspectives from India and Italy</i>" at University of Delhi on 20th September, 2018 organized by the Indian Anthropological Association in collaboration with Utkal University and University of Bologna, Italy. 5. Academic meet on the theme “<i>Odisha: Higher Education for a better tomorrow</i>” in the Make in Odisha Conclave 2018 held from 11th to 15th November 2018. 6. A Special talk by Dr. Vitalino Similox, Rector, Maya Kaqchikel University (UMK), an Indigenous

University from Guatemala on ‘*Indigenous Universities in Guatemala: Challenges and Strategies*’ on **1st December, 2018**.

7. A Special talk on the theme ‘*Aluminum; The Future Metal: Challenges and Applications*’ under World Bank OHEPEE project on **31st January, 2019**.
8. A special lecture by Dr. Joe Magner, Professor in the Department of Bioproducts and Biosystems Engineering, University of Minnesota, USA on **March 23, 2019**.
9. World Bank-OHEPEE sponsored National Seminar on the theme ‘*Internationalization of Higher Education in India*’ on **31st March, 2019**.
10. A Roundtable Discussion on ‘*Volunteerism, Social Entrepreneurship and Intercultural Solidarity*’ on **2nd May, 2019** with international youth volunteers working under Erasmus Mundus and European Commission and YOSE (Youth Opportunities in Social Economy).
11. Round Table discussion on ‘*Aluminum Gods: Mining and Religiosity along Odisha’s Bauxite Supply Chain*’ on **24th May, 2019** with a Visiting Fulbright-Hays Scholar Ms. Karlie Fox-Knudtsen from Cornell University.
12. A collaborative interactive session on **September 7, 2019** with H.E. Mr. I. Made Mangku Pastika, former Governor, Bali, Indonesia, President of World Hindu Parishad, and some distinguished delegates from Bali, Indonesia on issues ranging from educational and cultural collaborations to collaborative research and academic enrichment in the field of Tourism industry.
12. Official website www.ioutkal.university was inaugurated during Platinum Jubilee celebration, UU , on **27th November, 2019**.
13. Two foundation courses on German and Italian language (FCGIL-2019) were organized by the International Office from **10 Nov 2019 to 18 Jan 2020**.
14. Platinum Jubilee distinguished lecture on “*Challenges of Leisure and Tourism in Contemporary world*” by Prof. Alan Law, University of Trent, Canada, was held on **15th Feb, 2010** in Collaboration with International Office.
15. A round table discussion on “*Thinking Different*” on **24th February, 2020** was organized by International Office and RUSA 2.0. Prof. Thomas Reuter , Asian Institute , University of Melbourne, Australia and Prof. Noel Salazar , Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium.
16. A round table meeting with International delegates from Italy, Ecuador, Kenya, France, Portugal, Poland &

		<p>Slovakia was organized on 27th Feb, 2020, 3.00 pm at P.G. Council Office, Utkal University on the topic of “<i>In reflection to International Cooperation</i>”.</p> <p>17. An International Conference on “<i>Science, Society and Politics in South Asia</i>” was organized by International Office & Centers of Excellence of North-East India Studies and Language, Literature and Culture Sponsored by WB-OHEPEE and RUSA 2.0 on 3 - 4 March, 2020 at the Mayfair Convention, Bhubaneswar.</p>
7	Memorandums of Understanding with Universities abroad:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. University of California, Berkley 2. North Eastern University, Boston, USA 3. Department of Anthropology, East Germany University, Tuebingen, and Gothe University, Frankfurt, Germany. 4. Department of Bio- technology along with Science and Engineering research board (SERB-DST) and Baylor College of Medicine , Houston, Texas, USA 5. Developing academic and research collaborations with RIKEN, Japan (Prof. Zhang Computational Biology).
8	Way forward/Future Plan of Action	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community Connection and Publicise Strengths : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Strategic partnership programs with universities and NGOs. b. Academic exchange agreements and MoUs. c. Enhanced institutional reputation activities. d. Student and teacher on International mobility. e. Visitor center Initiatives with Mobile APP service. f. International educational link up with Industries. 2. Student and Scholar Services : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. International Student advisory board. b. Support Services by department and Library. c. Short term courses / Foundation Courses. d. Diversity and Leadership Programs. e. Developing and managing international opportunities for students. f. Mobility of funds and travel grant. 3. International Exchange Program: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. International education link up with Universities. b. Teaching and knowledge exchange between departments and interdisciplinary centres. c. Seminar, Workshop and conference programmes. d. Programmes on international profile-building. 4. Student Life and Security : <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. International hostel service and fooding. b. Multicultural Activities. c. Volunteering sessions d. VISA and Immigration Service e. e-FRRO service f. Health and travel Insurance.
9	Photographs	Available in Website “www.ioutkal.university”

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